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CURRICULUM IN UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the existing system to decide the subject-wise curriculum to be taught in different universities and the year-wise/university-wise details of the curriculum finalised for the current academic session as well as during the last three sessions;

(b) whether there is any course certificate, degree, diploma with regard to Gandhiji in open universities and whether Ph.D thesis have been submitted on it in open universities;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any official course has been finalised on Gandhism; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): Universities enjoy academic freedom and their academic bodies like Board of Studies, Academic Council approve the curriculum for different courses. The University Grants Commission (UGC) had prepared a Model Curriculum in 32 subjects of Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences to provide a broad common framework for the Colleges and Universities across the Country. The Universities are free to adopt the model curriculum or to make necessary changes to suit their requirements.

(b) to (e): The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), has developed a non-credit course on Gandhiji. According to the information furnished by IGNOU, Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University, Rajasthan is offering Certificate and Post Graduate (PGj Diploma Programmes in Gandhiji`s Non-violent Conflict Resolution and P.G. Diploma Programme in Gandhi Method for Beginners. Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad is offering M.Phil and Ph. D. Programmes on Gandhian Thoughts.

According to information furnished by the UGC, Gandhian Studies Centres have been established in 24 Universities and 26 Colleges across the country during the Xth Plan.